

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
COUNCIL  
OF THE PARISH OF ASCENSION  
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

APRIL 15, 2021

The Council of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday April 15, 2021 6:00 p.m., in the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 828 S. Irma Blvd, Gonzales, with Chairwoman Teri Casso presiding.

The following Council members were present:

Alvin Thomas	Joel Robert	Travis Turner
Corey Orgeron	Dempsey Lambert	Chase Melancon
Teri Casso	Aaron Lawler	John Cagnolatti
Dal Waguespack	Micheal Mason	

Councilman Alvin Thomas led the prayer and the pledge.

Chairwoman Casso announced that there were no Chair's Additions but that she would take public comment for the Executive Session matters immediately after Presentations.

President Cointment proclaimed "Community Development Week" in Ascension Parish.  
President Cointment also proclaimed "Fair Housing Month" in Ascension Parish.

Chairwoman Casso opened the public comment period. Public Speakers on Executive Session: **Delaune v. Parish of Ascension Docket #00129606A:**

In opposition were:

Christina Guidry	Rebecca Mabile
Denise Drago	Richard Carmouche
Susan Jordan	Catherine Bergeron
Kathryn Goppelt	
Polly Glover	
Theresa Robert	
Jessica Kehn	
Eric Kehn	

Signed in as Opposed but did not wish to speak were:

Rhonda Porta	Stacey Villenurve
Alysha Terry	Millie Blalock
Benny Drago	Barry Blalock
Patricia Peno	Alvin Robert
Patrica Manuel	Richard Jordan
December Ledet	

Parish President Clint Cointment gave his report. He reported that a long time employee, Lester Kenyon had retired. Mr. Kenyon served Ascension Parish for 18 years. The President also reported on Closed waterways due to high water, Covid vaccines, positivity rates in the Parish, Household Hazardous Material Collection Day, River Project Clean-Up Day, the Election on Sewer Assets set for April 24<sup>th</sup>. He announced the public meetings related to the Sewer Election.

The Secretary read the Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted as follows on a motion by Councilman Chase Melancon:

- a. Approval to authorize Parish President, Clint Cointment, to retain the services of Three Six Zero Industries to provide Strategic Risk Management and Contract Impact Analysis Services to the Parish on an as needed basis; contract not to exceed \$45,000.00 (Councilman Corey Orgeron, Councilman Aaron Lawler, Councilman Alvin Thomas and Councilman Dempsey Lambert) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. Amendment #1 - Hartman Consultants, LLC for additional amount of \$3,980.00 for the appraisal of ACUD #2 Wastewater infrastructure and Assets. (Ken Dawson, Utilities) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- c. Renewal of Contract for Medical Services with Ty Gautreau to provide medical services as a Nurse Practitioner to the inmates at the Ascension Parish Jail for a monthly fee of \$4,725.00 for a total annual amount of \$56,700.00 (Christy Burnett, Health Unit East Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- d. Certificate of Substantial Completion - ArcSmart - Lamar Dixon Expo Center Lake Solar Lighting Repairs (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- e. Change Order #2 to Master Contract for the Council on Aging Wellness Center Project, with Acadian Commercial Contractors for additional materials and days due to weather and COVID delays in the amount of \$6,130.21 and an additional 30 days. New Contract amount of \$730,430.21 and new substantial completion date of April 6, 2021 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Change Order #1 to Master Contract for the Animal Shelter Renovations Project, with BRP Construction, LLC for additional costs due to increase in steel prices and the removal of existing kennels. Total additional amount of \$16,422.89 for a total contract amount of \$307,411.78 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Certificate of Substantial Completion - Del-Con - Ascension Parish Jail Sewer Processing Facility (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Change Order #1 - Lincoln Builders - Lamar Dixon Expo Center Gym Expansion - Decrease in the amount of \$330,013.00 to the original contract amount as a result of a Value Engineering meeting and subsequent pricing by Contractor to determine constructability of original design and subsequent changes to reduce price. New contract amount is \$3,009,987.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Professional Services Contract with General Informatics for IT Support for Fire District #3. Not to   exceed \$30,000.00 (Pat Carpenter, Fire District #3)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Certificate of Substantial Completion - McLin Construction - FD#3 Station 30 - New Pavilion (Pat Carpenter, Fire District #3)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Agreement for Professional Services with Henderson Auctions for the auction of Parish vehicles/equipment declared surplus - Option B - Buyer to pay 10% fee, No cost to Parish (Jade Robin, Project Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Amendment #3 to the Master Contract between All South Consulting Engineers and Ascension Parish for Grants Management and Disaster Recovery Project Management Activities, to renew the current contract for an additional year through May 11, 2022 for a not to exceed amount of \$546,600.00 (Rachael Wilkinson, OEP Director)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Site Sponsorship Agreement between Trash Rangers of Louisiana Commercial, LLC and the Lamar Dixon Expo Center (Kyle Rogers, Lamar Dixon Expo Center General Manager)*Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Bid/Quote Items: To Accept Lowest Responsive Bid/Quote as Follows:  
(Cynthia LeBlanc, Purchasing Director and Devin Russ, Procurement Manager)
  1. Request for Overnight Security Services for Lamar Dixon Expo Center - RFP    
- Merchant Security Services Guards (MSS)
  2. Request for Contract Services to Remove and Replace Shingle Roof on Mental Health Office Building (Quote Request)  
- Premier Service Team, LLC, \$45,360.00
  3. Request for Contract Services to Remove and Haul Off 1,609 Feet of Old Fencing and Replace with New Fencing  
- Central Fence & Gates, \$39,900
  4. Mechanical Fabrication Services: Marvin Braud Pump Station (PM-20-06-008) - Quote Request  
- Hebert Steel Company, Inc., \$54,789.00
  5. New (All) Aluminum Workboat (Approximately 1 Unit) - Bid    
- Crucial, Inc., \$120,950.00
  6. Purchase of 2 New 2022 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker Trucks - State Contract #4400017741 For Fire District #1  
- Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, \$337,737.73 each
- o. Approval for the Parish President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA with the City of Gonzales to pursue Federal funds through a Join application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the conversion of Airline Hwy (US-61) from Lowes to Purpera Ave. into a DOTD *SuperStreet* concept. (Mike Enlow, Assistant DPW Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- p. Approval of a Resolution for Ascension Parish to commit the required 10% Matching funds if awarded the requested Federal monies for the Airline Hwy *SuperStreet* project. (Mike Enlow, Assistant DPW Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- q. Approval of Change Order - 03, LA 73 Turn Lanes @ Oakland Drive. (Joey Tureau, Director of Transportation) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- r. Approval of Change Order - 03, LA 73 Turn Lanes @ Oakland Drive (decrease-13,472.60) (Joey Tureau, Director of Transportation) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Change Order MC-01 to the Asphaltic Concrete Reconstruction and Overlay Improvements - 2020 Project, for the amount of \$549,005.99. (Joey Tureau, Director of Transportation) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*

- t. Roads to be considered for acceptance into the Parish Maintenance system as follows: (Joey Tureau, Director of Transportation)

**Brookstone Subdivision**

Maddie Drive - 2,501'  
Alexis Avenue - 311'  
Nicholas Street - 340'

**Cambre Oaks Subdivision**

Cambre Oaks Drive - 1,443'  
Ridgeland Drive - 439'  
Midland Drive - 443'  
Parkfair Drive - 570'  
Auster Lane - 379'  
East Auster Lane - 926'  
Farm Road - 195'

**Cedar Springs Subdivision**

Cedar Spring Road - 966.85'  
Cedar Park Avenue - 657.45'

**Copperhead Phase 1**

Copperhead Road - 1,666'

**Oak Lake Subdivision Phase 1**

Cherrybark Oak Drive - 1,066'  
Scarlet Oak Drive - 316'  
Chestnut Oak Drive - 609'  
Shumard Oak Drive - 329'  
Waterview Avenue - 434'

**Pelican Crossing 4th Filing**

Bayou Conway Drive - 192'  
Kisatchie Drive - 205'  
Soaring Drive - 2,628'  
Nesting Drive - 2,027'  
Marsh Lane - 654.5'  
Coastline Avenue - 843'  
Hackett Canal Drive - 588'

- u. Approval of Amendment #9 to Master Contract for Professional Services to reallocate funds in the amount of \$25,686.12 from Task Order 1A (ROW Services) to Task 3 (Construction Services) for contract administration and engineering assistance throughout construction - Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. (Ken Dawson, Infrastructure Director) *Utilities Committee Recommendation*
- v. Amendment No. 2 to Master Contract for Professional Services Design and Permitting to revise the original scope of work - Upgrading the existing Oak Grove STP to Treat 95,000 GPD to meet 5/5/2/5 Limits and to extend the contract for an additional year through May 6, 2022 - Alvin Fairburn & Associates (Ken Dawson, Infrastructure Director) *Utilities Committee Recommendation*
- w. Approval of increase for GSA - Task Order No. 7 for additional booster pump for combination of PUA/ACUD water system (Ken Dawson, Infrastructure Director) *Utilities Committee Recommendation*
- x. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/League Agreement with AYSA for the use of Butch Gore Park (Recreation Director Michael King) *Recreation Committee Recommendation*

Councilman Lambert had questions for Project Manager Dean Thomason on the Council on Aging Facility. Mr. Thomason was present to answer questions.

Jade Robin presented the **Updated Ascension Parish Global Position System (GPS) Vehicle Tracking Policy as requested by Council.** He requested amendments to this policy regarding equipment, accountability, efficiency and productivity. A motion to approve was offered by Councilman John Cagnolatti. There was some discussion. The motion passed with no objection.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase Melancon to approve the **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office for security and law-enforcement services during publicly noticed meetings of the Ascension Parish Council and its Committees/Commissions.** The motion passed with no objection.

A motion was made by Councilman Corey Orgeron **To extend the HSA requirements deadline to April 30, 2021 to allow employees more time to complete the Biometric Screening and Online Assessment.** The motion passed with no objection.

A motion to approve the **to waive the development fee of \$2500 per lot to avoid a double fee due to a third party utility provider for Pelican Point Golf Community – Victoria Court** was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. No objections were made. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the **Certificate of Substantial Completion – Ascension Parish Skate Park – Repair/Reassembly Skate Park at Oak Grove Community Center** by Councilman Aaron Lawler. Councilman Corey Orgeron thanked everyone involved in the process. After some discussion, the motion passed with no objection.

Councilman Corey Orgeron presented the **authorization for the Parish President to enter into a services contract with Shelter Planners of America to provide a needs' analysis and Conceptual Design of the new Ascension Parish Animal Shelter, contract not to exceed \$30,000.** He reported that this company has done over 150 shelters and they are experts in the field. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The motion passed with no objection after more discussion.

The required public hearing for **the ordinance to create a Road Infrastructure District designated as Parish Infrastructure District #IDD-2021-002 (Forestwood Subdivision) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV – Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011 Approval of Final Plant Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District** was opened on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. There were no public speakers on this item. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on May 6, 2021 Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas St. Donaldsonville, LA to consider an ordinance **to create a Road Infrastructure District designated as Parish Infrastructure District #IDD-2021-002 (Forestwood Subdivision) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV – Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011 Approval of Final Plant Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District** on a motion by Councilman Corey Orgeron.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance **Budget Amendment No.3 – to amend the 2021 Budget.** The public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason. There were no public speakers. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. The subsequent ordinance was adopted on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason:

## **ORDINANCE**

### **(BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3)**

AN ORDINANCE to amend the ordinance approving, adopting, and appropriating the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Parish of Ascension, adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on the 19th day of November, 2020.

SECTION ONE. THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS, that the ordinance approving, adopting, and appropriating the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Parish of Ascension, is hereby amended, approved and appropriated as follows:

#### **OPERATING BUDGET:**

##### **General Fund (Purchase new pickup truck for Administration)**

Executive Administration

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses:

Acquisitions - Vehicles \$ 37,500

##### **Recreation Fund (Replace funds for St. Amant and Dutchtown Spray Parks)**

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses:

Transfers Out –Park Construction Fund \$1,080,000

##### **Parish Utilities of Ascension (Water Meter and Infrastructure Projects – USACE 219 Program)**

Revenues and Other Financing Sources:

Transfer In – Water/Wastewater Construction Fund \$1,057,000

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses:

Appropriations and Grants – Non-Capital \$ 457,000

Appropriations and Grants – Capital \$ 600,000

**CAPITAL BUDGET:**

**Water/Wastewater Construction Fund (USACE 219 Program – Parish Utilities Projects)**

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses:

Transfer Out – Parish Utilities of Ascension Parish Government     \$1,057,000

**Park Construction Fund (Replace funds for St. Amant and Dutchtown Spray Parks)**

Revenues and Other Financing Sources:

Transfers In – Recreation Fund   \$1,080,000

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses:

Contract Payments – Capital   \$1,080,000

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron Dempsey Lambert, Chase Melancon, Teri Casso, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

And this ordinance was passed on the 15<sup>th</sup> the day of April, 2021.

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
Secretary

/s/ Clint Cointment  
Parish President

A motion to go into Executive Session to consider Delaune v Ascension Parish Docket #00129606A was offered by Councilman Michael Mason. A roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

YEAS: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron Dempsey Lambert, Chase Melancon, Teri Casso, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

The Council convened into Executive Session.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session on a motion by Councilman Chase Melancon.

Councilman Corey Orgeron made a motion to accept the proposed settlement offer in the Delaune case with the elimination of ten units, decreasing the total number of homes from 237 to 227. There were objections to the motion. A roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

YEAS: Alvin Thomas, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Teri Casso, Aaron Lawler, John Cagnolatti

NAYS: Joel Robert, Chase Melancon, Travis Turner, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

The motion PASSED 6:5.

A motion to go into Executive Session on the matter of APG v Berkeley Insurance and Harry Robert Insurance Company was made by Councilman Corey Orgeron. A roll call vote was conducted with results as follows:

YEAS: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron Dempsey Lambert, Chase Melancon, Teri Casso, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

The Council convened into Executive Session.  
The Council reconvened into Regular Session on a motion by Councilman Chase Melancon.  
Councilman Chase Melancon made a motion to increase the retainer fee by \$15,000 for legal counsel in this case.  
The motion was amended by Councilman Lawler to add authority for legal counsel to mediate the case and to settle the matter. The motion passed with no objection.

A motion to go into Executive Session on the matter of Personnel Issues was made by Councilman Michael Mason. A roll call vote was conducted with results as follows:

YEAS: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron Dempsey Lambert, Chase Melancon, Teri Casso, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

The Council convened into Executive Session.  
The Council reconvened into Regular Session on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.  
No action was taken on the matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

/s/ Teri Casso  
CHAIRWOMAN

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
SECRETARY